

Amendments to the Abstract

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A guiding aid for an instrument to be advanced within a vascular system, particularly the human vascular system, comprising a flexible shapeable shaft ~~[[(2)]]~~ comprising a first bent section ~~[[(4)]]~~ having a first curvature ~~[[(K₁)]]~~ and at least one further bent section ~~[[(6)]]~~, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the bent sections ~~(4, 6) of said shaft (2) of the shaft~~ have the same sign of curvature and are located substantially within the same ~~plain (E) plane~~. Such a guiding aid may be pre-formed by the manufacturer such that the guiding aid may be introduced into vascular branchings both from large lumen and small lumen vessels by a physician manipulating the instrument from its proximal end. FIG. 4